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The Honorable Patrick Murphy
United States House of Representatives
211 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Representative Murphy:

Social Security Works endorses your legislation, H.R. 4529, the Social Security Parent Penalty Repeal Act.

Social Security provides essential protection against the loss of wages in the event of death, disability and old age. Wages are also lost when parents take time out of the workforce to care for their children; a role essential for the children, the family, and indeed, the entire society. Yet, when parents take time from the workforce they do not only lose current cash compensation; they also stop accruing Social Security benefits, so crucial to an independent and dignified retirement.

Parents play an important role in a child's formative years. Your legislation will allow the Social Security system to reflect this important American value. Moreover, our nation is experiencing a retirement income crisis. Your legislation will ensure a more secure retirement for so many Americans. Your legislation also responsibly pays for the improved benefits by requiring those earning the most to contribute more to Social Security.

Thank you for your efforts to strengthen and expand Social Security. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy J. Altman".

Nancy J. Altman
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Lawson".

Alex Lawson
Executive Director